
**TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP
of the
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

**February 23, 2010
Minutes**

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF THE MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP. AN AUDIO RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Meeting of the Transportation Conformity Working Group was held at the SCAG office in Los Angeles.

In Attendance:

Abrishami, Lori
Malisos, Achilles
Medina, Shirley
Torres, Eddie

LACMTA
RBF Consulting
RCTC
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SCAG

Asuncion, John
Luo, Rongsheng
Mann, Betty
Nadler, Jonathan
Sangkapichai, Mana
Sherwood, Arnie

Via Teleconference:

Alvarez, Grace
Behtash, Armand
Brady, Mike
Cooper, Keith
Gallo, Ilene
Ganson, Chris
Gill, Steve
Lay, Keith
MacQueen, Molly
Krebs, Cindy
O'Connor, Karina
Tax, Wienke
Williams, Leann
Yoon, Andrew

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Caltrans, District 12
Caltrans Headquarters
ICF International
Caltrans Headquarters
EPA Region 9
RCTC
LSA Associates
STV
OCTA
U.S. EPA, Region 9
EPA Region 9
Caltrans, District 7
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1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Shirley Medina, RCTC, called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no comments.

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

3.1 Approval Item

3.1.1 TCWG January 26, 2010 Meeting Minutes

▪ Clarifications:

Under Item 4.1 Review of PM Hot Spot Interagency Review Form

2) LA0D390

Delete the paragraph which states “In response to TCWG comments, the project sponsor will provide additional information to: 1) clarify the relationship between this project and LA0F030; and 2) show improvements in overall delay and emissions when combining these two projects.”

3) LA0F030

Revise the phrase “when combining these two projects” to “when combining two intersections in the project”

▪ The minutes were approved with the above clarifications.

4.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1 Review of PM Hot Spot Interagency Review Forms

1) ORA020109

It was determined that this is not a POAQC, pending FHWA concurrence.

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2) ORA2H01143

In response to TCWG comments, the project sponsor will provide additional information on the truck traffic analysis in each intersection and how it would affect operations.

3) RIV070710

It was determined that this is not a POAQC, pending FHWA concurrence.

4) RIV071259

It was determined that this is not a POAQC, pending FHWA concurrence.

5) RIV071262

It was determined that this is not a POAQC, pending FHWA concurrence.

6) RIV520109

In response to TCWG comments, the project sponsor will provide additional information to: 1) clarify the inclusion of multimodal facility; 2) clarify the type of buses and bus operations; and 3) clarify size, in and out traffic, and impact of parking lots.

4.2 Review of PM Hot Spot Qualitative Analyses

1) SBD20061201

The Analysis was deemed acceptable for NEPA circulation.

(FHWA concurrence was received after the meeting)

2) SBD200614 (Revised)

The Analysis deemed acceptable for NEPA circulation.

(FHWA concurrence was received after the meeting)

4.3 RTIP Update

John Asuncion, SCAG, reported the following:

- SCAG staff was currently analyzing the 2011 FTIP submittal.

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- 2008 RTIP Administrative Amendments through #32 had received all the necessary approval.
- Amendment #33 was waiting for the federal and state approval.
- Amendment #34 is a consistency amendment to RTP Amendment #3 and is currently under 30-day public review which will end on March 19.
- Amendment #35, the Stimulus II Revenue Amendment, received federal approval on February 17.
- Administrative modification #36 was waiting for the necessary approval.
- Amendment #37 was under public review which will end on March 2.
- Administrative Modification #38 received the necessary approval on February 17.
- SCAG staff was waiting for directions regarding the programming of the FTA Stimulus II Fund and will inform the Commissions after receiving the directions.

4.4 RTP Update (Amendment 3)

Ryan Kuo, SCAG, reported the following:

- Draft 2008 RTP Amendment #3 had been released for public review which will end on March 19.
- Hard copies and link to the Amendment documents had also been sent to the County Transportation Commissions for review.
- After the public review, the Amendment #3 document will be presented to the Regional Council for adoption in April.

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, reported the following:

- SCAG staff had performed the conformity analysis for the 2008 RTP Amendment #3 and the 2008 RTIP Consistency Amendment #34 which demonstrates a positive conformity finding.
- The draft conformity analysis was under the 30-day public review and will be presented to SCAG Energy and Environment Committee in March as an information item.
- After the public review, the final conformity analysis will be presented to EEC for recommendation to SCAG Regional Council for final approval.

**4.5 SB 375 Update
No Update**

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4.6 **ARB UPDATE**

On behalf of Dennis Wade, ARB, Rongsheng Luo reported the following:

- ARB will conduct a public meeting on February 25 to consider the approval of the proposed PM10 Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan for the Coachella Valley.
- The proposed PM10 Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan for the South Coast Air Basin had been posted on line for public review.

4.7 **EPA Update**

Karina O'Connor, EPA, reported the following:

- The Draft PM Quantitative Analysis Guidance was in the internal review process and was expected to be released for public review within a month.
- Receptor location and how to deal with annual vs. 24-hour PM standard are two of the issues that will be addressed in the Guidance.

4.8 **Air Districts Update**

No Update.

5.0 **INFORMATION SHARING**

None.

6.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

Shirley Medina adjourned the meeting at 11:12 a.m.

The next Transportation Conformity Working Group meeting will be held on March 23, 2010 at the SCAG office in Los Angeles.